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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 10 April 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 5, 10, 11, 14 and 18.

Identification of prior art discussed: 2002/0107843 (Biebesheimer), 2002/0156776 (Davallo) and 6,434,547 (Mischelevich).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's proposed amendments dealt with a state machine, interpreting raw user behavior data, and an explicit reason why a search result may have failed to answer a query. At least the Davallo reference appears to have taught at least some of these limitations. The examiner suggested further amendments to help overcome the prior art(s). No agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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